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TITLE METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR SECURELY PROVIDING  
KEYS TO ENCODE AND DECODE DATA IN A STORAGE CARTRIDGE

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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This paper is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to withdraw the case from appeal and reopen prosecution based on amendments to the claims discussed with the Examiner in a phone interview dated August 20, 2008. In the Final Office Action dated March 24, 2008 ("FOA"), the Examiner rejected all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants have amended claims, cancel non-method claims 18-43, and added claim 44. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1-17 and 44 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

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